

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

When the Government declined a few weeks ago to entertain the Hon. Mr. Pollock's suggestions in favour of urging a reform of the local Constitution upon the Secretary of State for the Colonies they lost an opportunity of performing a graceful act, that would have stood for all time to their credit in the annals of the Colony. As it is, they have shown themselves out of touch and out of sympathy with public sentiment, and any concession which may be obtained in the direction of popular representation will be in spite of their opposition and not on account of their support. Mr. Pollock is to be congratulated upon the fact that the gentle rebuke which his questions brought forth did not succeed in deflecting him from his purpose, as it might have done in the case of a weaker man, and it is incumbent upon those whose battle he is fighting to lend him their full support by signing without delay the petition which he has prepared. Knowing from experience how prone many of the public are to procrastinate in such matters, I would suggest the appointment of a committee to collect signatures. In the meantime, it may be as well to remind those whose co-operation is invited that if they do not sign the petition they will forfeit for ever any right to grumble at the Government. That is a pleasure of which no Briton worthy of the name would lightly deprive himself.

Briefly stated, the petition asks for an official majority on the Legislative Council, an increase from two to four in the un-official element on the Executive Council, and the abolition of the system of nomination, which dates from the days of Pocket-boroughs and Patronage. The proposal is, apparently, to enlarge the Executive Council, though if the present number were retained by withdrawing two official members there would still remain an official majority of one, to say nothing of the President's casting vote. The only criticism offered in regard to these very reasonable demands is that they do not go quite far enough. It is suggested, in the first place, that for the electoral body the Sanitary Board electors should be substituted for the Chamber of Commerce and the un-official Justices of the Peace, who are named because they have been recognised for many years by the Imperial authorities. That amendment will be drawn attention to in a covering letter to the Secretary of State. Another suggestion is that the two Chinese members should be chosen by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce instead of being appointed by H.E. the Governor. So long as the selection is subject to veto there could be little objection to this course, but, in regard to this and other points, it is advisable to remember that, as far as possible, any risk of complicating the issue should be avoided. Secretaries of State are apt to be shy birds and it does not do to frighten them.

With the very laudable object of showing the need for a change in the government of the Colony a correspondent has enumerated some of the sins of omission of which the Government has been guilty, in his opinion, during the past twelve months. I am afraid, however, that his selections were not altogether happy ones. In regard to the increase in the season-ticket rates on the Peak Tramways, for example, he overlooks the fact that this relates to a private arrangement of mutual convenience between the Company and its patrons. The ordinary fares both on the Peak Tramway and on the Star Ferry—to which attention is also drawn—are regulated by the terms of the respective concessions, and until the legal limit is exceeded it is difficult to see exactly what powers "Unofficial" considers the Government should exercise. Nor do I think the housing difficulty would be removed even if the Government were to pass an Ordinance providing that pre-war rentals were not to be exceeded. In regard to the currency question, however, he appears to be on firmer ground. While the Government are spending considerable sums of money in order to buy up surplus subsidiary coinage and restore the equilibrium between the dollar and its component parts the object which they have in view is being thwarted by the creation of another standard. It is possible, of course, to quibble by arguing that the note is at a premium, but that does not help matters when nobody—not even the Banks—will accept silver dollars except at a discount. It has been pointed out in this paper how the Government might bring these anomalies to an end and profit by the transaction, but no evidence has been given yet that they have approached the Imperial Government in the matter.

That the complaint made in this column regarding the building which is in course of demolition at the top of Battery Path was not ill-timed is shown by the accident which occurred on Saturday. My complaint was about the happy-go-lucky manner in which the work was being carried out, and the apparent disregard shown for the life and limbs of passers-by. A wall of the building crashed down early on Saturday morning, and an avalanche of granite and bricks fell on to the pathway. The collapse was so sudden that it was little short of a miracle that no one met with serious injury. The accident is ascribed to lack of sufficient supports below for the weight above. Probably the eyes of the P.W.D. were too full of the dust that blew in clouds from the building owing to the ramshackle nature of the hoarding that surrounded it to be able to see any allusion to the subject in the Press. An accident, however, invariably teaches a lesson to someone.

ROBERT R. RANDOM.

GOLF.
THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

RAILWAY CUP.

The following is the draw for the above competition to take place at Fan Ling:—
Conditions.—Match play under handicaps. Three-fourths of the difference between handicaps to be allowed. To be played on days other than Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays. Local Rules as per back of card.
1st Round to be played by Saturday, 5th February.
2nd Round to be played by Saturday, 12th February.
3rd Round to be played by Saturday, 19th February.
Semi-Final Round to be played by Saturday, 26th February.
Final Round to be played by Saturday, 4th March.

FIRST ROUND.

Miss Wilkinson	10
Miss A. Gordon	20
Mrs. J. W. Taylor	20
Mrs. Maitland	18
Mrs. H. H. Wilson	16
Mrs. H. Hancock	20
Miss Hastings	23
Mrs. Hammond	20
Mrs. Macdougall	30
Mrs. Pearce	17
Miss Robertson	20
Mrs. Shenton	24
Mrs. H. Humphreys	18
Mrs. Nisbet	30
Mrs. Crawford	20
Mrs. Scott, Harston	38
Miss Rodger	12
Lady Rees-Davies	36
Mrs. Davey	30
Mrs. Pollock	36
Mrs. N. L. Smith	24
Mrs. R. C. Martin	26
Mrs. Winslow	30
Mrs. Manning	Plus 3
Mrs. M. Harston	20
Mrs. Finlay Miller	38
Mrs. Phelps	30
Mrs. Forsyth	30
Mrs. J. Rodger	30
Mrs. Davison	30 Bye.

CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE v. R.E.

Played at Happy Valley on Saturday, with the following result:—

Wyatt, c. Hill, b. Southerton	0
Heath, c. Hutchison, b. Bird	0
Coxon, b. Southerton	0
Wahl, c. Southerton, b. Witchell	21
Pearce, b. Hamilton	9
Scott, b. Witchell	10
McGregor, b. Hamilton	13
Skelcher, b. Hutchison	10
Phillips, c. Hamilton, b. Bird	4
Millard, b. Bird	9
Allan, not out	14
Extras	14
Total	90

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Southerton	7	2	16	2
Bird	8.2	3	19	3
Hamilton	6	1	12	2
Witchell	7	2	18	2
Hutchison	3	1	12	1

CIVIL SERVICES.

W. Pansbury, b. McGregor	8
R. O. Hutchison, b. Scott	23
R. C. Witchell, c. and b. McGregor	3
R. G. Southerton, b. Scott	0
E. W. Hamilton, c. Wahl, b. Scott	3
N. L. Smith, b. Scott	6
R. E. O. Bird, c. Allan, b. Scott	2
N. Taachi, b. Scott	9
W. Hill, not out	1
C. Sara, b. Scott	17
W. Edmonds, b. Scott	16
Extras	16
Total	129

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Scott	16.2	4	43	7
Coxon	9	6	38	1
McGregor	3	0	10	2
Skelcher	1	0	7	0
Wyatt	4	0	15	0

HONGKONG SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

Schools' Senior League									
Matches	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.	Goals.	
Queen's College	7	6	0	1	23	3	10		
St. Joseph's Coll.	7	4	1	2	13	3	10		
St. Stephen's Coll.	3	3	2	3	9	10	9		
St. Paul's College	7	0	4	3	3	12	3		
Diocesan School	7	0	5	2	1	15	2		
Schools' Junior League									
Matches	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.	Goals.	
St. Stephen's Coll.	7	6	0	1	21	7	13		
Wantsai	8	4	0	4	11	2	12		
St. Joseph's Coll.	8	5	1	2	15	12	12		
Diocesan	8	2	1	5	10	6	9		
Yau-mat	8	3	3	2	12	8	9		
Queen's College	7	3	2	2	18	10	7		
St. Paul's Coll.	8	1	3	4	7	0	23		
Saiyung-pun	7	0	6	1	1	25	1		
Elis Kadoorie	7	0	6	1	1	25	1		

Match to be played on Wednesday, 28th instant, at 3 o'clock, Q.C. Ground, Queen's College v. St. Paul's College. Referee: Mr. W. H. Viraash, Diocesan School.

Army orders, issued by the War Office recently, notify that mustard and pepper are no longer to form part of the modified field service, scale of rations, issuable in kind at home. Supplies of these commodities required for the use of the troops must be provided out of the cash allowance of 5d. a day admissible with the modified field service ration.

CHEMPEDAK RUBBER AND GAMBIEE ESTATE.

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS BRITISH WAR FUNDS.

The sixth annual general meeting of the Chempedak Rubber and Gambiee Estate Ltd. was held on January 20th at the offices of the secretaries and general managers, Messrs. J. A. Wattie & Co. Ltd., Shanghai.

The Chairman, said: Notwithstanding the fact that the output for the year exceeded that for the previous year by less than 5,000 lb., the balance transferred from working account is nearly double that of the previous year.

This result is chiefly attributable to the lower cost of production, which was about 3½d. per pound less than that of the previous year, but I should also remind you that the unsold stock in last year's accounts was taken in a very low valuation.

Following up this precedent, the unsold stock in the accounts now before you has been valued at 7½d. per lb., or, roughly, 1/10th per pound, and, thanks to the very considerable improvement in the price of rubber which has taken place since the close of the Company's year, it should realize a very substantial surplus.

Turning to the balance sheet you will see that the sum charged to development account was T's 13,180.34. This represents an expenditure of rather less than £4 per acre per annum, and may be regarded as satisfactory.

The capital now works out at under £30 per planted acre, which must be regarded as moderate, particularly as, from now on, the cost of upkeep of the immature area will not be a serious drain on the revenue, since the proportion of general expenditure to be charged to development will diminish rapidly.

The output for the current year is estimated at 110,000 lb., and the cost of production, which will include 70 per cent. of general expenditure, will probably be about the same as for last year, while the sum to be spent on capital account including 30 per cent. of general charges, is estimated at Straits \$10,500. Of the estimated output, 24 tons, or about one half, have been sold forward at 5/9-3/10 per pound, f.o.b. Malacca and it is the present intention of your Directors to market the rest of the crop as ready cargo.

The estate is reported by the Company's agents in Malacca to be in a very satisfactory condition, and the growth of the rubber, especially the younger trees, to be excellent.

The suggestion has been put forward that Shanghai Rubber Companies should contribute to one of the many Allied Funds, and, if this suggestion takes on more concrete shape, your Directors will give it every consideration.

The following resolutions were passed without discussion:—
"That the report and accounts as presented be passed."
"That a dividend at the rate of 12½ per cent. equal to T's 1.00 per share be paid."
"That the appointment of Mr. C. W. Wrightson as a director be confirmed."
"That Mr. W. S. Davidson be elected a director of the Company."

THE EXCESS PROFIT TAX.
Mr. H. H. Read remarked that he was of opinion that, relative to the master of the excess profits tax, and in view of the publicity given to the suggestion of the North China Daily News to the effect that rubber companies might voluntarily assess themselves, it was advisable that the authority of the shareholders should be given to the directors, in the form of a resolution, to contribute to British War Funds at their discretion. After some discussion of detail of form, the following resolution was drawn up and passed unanimously, being proposed by Mr. Read and seconded by Mr. Joseph:

"That the board, subject to their discretion, is hereby authorized to make a contribution toward British war funds."
In proposing the above resolution Mr. Read paid a brief but fervent tribute to the all-powerful British Navy without which the company's rubber could never have left the Straits, and it was due to the command of the seas that the rubber companies were enjoying an extra and unforeseen period of prosperity. It was no more than right and proper, he thought, that some of the abnormal profits of the company, should be donated to British war funds in recognition of this fact.

Mr. Anderson asked for information as to the "super-tax" for 1915, the chairman replying that to the best of his knowledge this would not be imposed.

The party comprised the two doctors and two nurses, who were received by the King and Queen on Wednesday, together with 20 women nurses and two men assistants. Queen Alexandra gave a brooch to each woman member of the party and a scarf-pin to each of the men. An address was presented to Queen Alexandra, whose reply, by her instructions, is to be translated into Japanese.

At a farewell luncheon at the Mission House, the Lord Mayor, proposing the health of his guests, said they had been working at Netley Hospital since January, 1915, and many a wounded British soldier would retain the warmest feeling of affection and gratitude for the tender and devoted services of these kind friends from Japan. The King had recognized the services of the Mission by decorating the doctors and two of the nurses.

The Japanese Ambassador, in proposing the health of the Lord Mayor, and the Lady Mayoress, said the compliments which they had paid to the mission would be regarded with immense gratification by the whole Japanese nation.

The Cotton Anti-Adulteration Association continues to do good work, and I would like to mention that, while it has not stepped the adulteration of cotton, it keeps it within reasonable bounds.
I am pleased to say that the Insurance Companies have at last decided to again allow us the full rebate of 40 per cent. for our sprinkler installation.

CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO FUND.

FOR THE ALLIED FORCES AT THE FRONT.

The following is the Subscription List to date:—

Total acknowledged to the 8th January, 1916 \$ 9,727.54

Since received:—

Per South China Morning Post:—

Collected on New Year's Day at the Police Recreation Club, \$5; Crown's Collection at Civil Service Christmas Tree, \$3.31; Subscribers by the Royal Naval Club, \$12; Mr. P. J. Wodhouse, \$10; Mr. A. S. Sorenson, \$25. 63.81

Per Mrs. Morrison:—Collected at Quarry Bay on Christmas Eve (Carol Singing), and New Year's Day by Masters A. Morrison, A. Goard, W. Scott, D. Middleton, J. Gardner, and W. Polley, \$77.70; W.A.D., \$5; Anonymous, to make good loss on subsidiary coins, \$5. 88.70

List No. 4, O.:—J.P., \$2; Per Mrs. H. A. Nisbet, Ladies Bridge Book, \$19.50. 21.50

M. F. Maitland 10.00

Per Hongkong Daily Press:—

From Mr. W. V. Pennell:—Collection and Gate Money at Football Matches at Happy Valley, \$62; Kowloon Cricket Club, Surplus from Club's last Annual Christmas Draw, \$150. 272.00

Per Hongkong Tramway Co.:—

Collected in Boxes on Tram Cars from 1st to 15th January, \$28.55. 28.55

Per Mr. Paul M. Hodgson:—

Proceeds of sale of Photographs of the Fanning Golf Course, \$105. 105.00

Bank Interest to 31st December, 1915, \$3.34. 3.34

Total \$ 10,254.74

Expended to 8th January \$ 9,288.17

Loss on subsidiary coins 5.47

Consignment despatched on the 17th Jan., 290,000 cigarettes 688.17

..... \$ 9,989.81

Balance in hand \$ 264.93

D. W. CRADDOCK, Chairman.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1916.

KUNG YIK COTTON CO.

DIVIDENDS 69 PER CENT. IN FIVE YEARS.

The sixth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the Kung Yik Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., was held on January 18th at the Shanghai offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

The Chairman (Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE) said: The profit for the year was \$164,588.59, with the amount of T's 3,266.60 brought forward, leaves T's 189,855.19 available for appropriation.

While the result falls short of our record year—1912-1913—when we earned T's 198,383.08—I trust you will consider it very encouraging. You will have seen that it is proposed to pay a dividend of T's 1,150 per share, and I venture to hope that this return will have your approval. Including the proposed dividend, the Company will have paid 69 per cent. to its shareholders in five years, which I think you will admit is a satisfactory return on the capital invested. We are depreciating buildings by T's 15,000—the same as last year—and it is considered desirable to write T's 32,000 off plant and machinery—this is T's 2,000 more than last year and is necessitated by additions to the mill.

The proposed appropriation of T's 25,000 to Equalization of Dividend Account will, if confirmed by you, bring that fund up to T's 120,000, and you will, no doubt, agree with me that it is sound to build up a reserve, which can be made use of, in lean years. Much depends upon the energy of the mill staff, and I trust you will approve the payment of a bonus of T's 3,000 to our employees in recognition of their service during the past twelve months, and your general managers desire me to take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Company by all employees from the mill superintendent, Mr. Kerfoot, downwards. During the year we have increased our weaving plant by 100 looms, and I look for a satisfactory return from this addition. We have worked full time during the year, and, on the whole, we have no reason to complain of the demand for our products, but during the last three months of our year we suffered somewhat from the high cost of cotton, and poor offakes of yarn and cloth, brought about by the monarchical movement. While we have recently experienced more inquiry, prices still leave a good deal to be desired, and your general managers view the outlook for the future with concern—it is to be hoped, however, that we shall not have to resort to short time. The scarcity of dyes is undoubtedly restricting the consumption of yarn and grey cloth, as extreme prices have now to be charged for all coloured clothes, and in this respect there will be little relief until the European war is at an end, or the Chinese produce abundant supplies of dyeing material.

Last season's crop of China cotton was satisfactory, but I am sorry to say that this year's output in the districts adjacent to Shanghai is much below the average both in quantity and quality, and I expect it will be found necessary to import larger quantities than usual of foreign cottons and varieties grown in other parts of China.

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I am pleased to say that the Insurance Companies have at last decided to again allow us the full rebate of 40 per cent. for our sprinkler installation.

The report and accounts, the payment of a dividend of \$1.50 per share, and of a bonus of T's 3,000 to the mill staff were approved.

Messrs. J. Johnstone, C. W. Wright, Messrs. J. Chai, Lai-fong, were elected as the Consulting Committee for the ensuing year.

INTIMATIONS

LANE,

CRAWFORD & Co.

TELEPHONE No. 1741.

FOR THE BEST VALUE IN
ENGLISH AND AMERICAN MADE
BOOTSAND
SHOES

A COMFORTABLE FIT
AND GOOD WEAR GUARANTEED.
A LARGE SELECTION OF STYLES
AT

\$10, \$12, \$13.50, \$15

PER PAIR.

"INTERWOVEN"
SOCKS

THE ONE THIN SOCK
THAT REALLY WEARS.

BLACK, GREYS, BROWNS,

TAUPE AND NAVY,

35 cts. and \$1.50 per pair.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO &
WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

Single Fare by Night Steamer	...	...	...	\$6.00
Return " (available also for return by day steamer)	...	...	...	10.00
Single Fare by Day Steamer	...	...	...	4.00
Return " " " " " "	...	...	...	8.00

HONGKONG TO CANTON. 1 CANTON TO HONGKONG.

TUESDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1916.

8.00 a.m. HONAN. 8.00 a.m. HEUNGSHAN.

10.00 p.m. FATSAN. 4.30 p.m. KINSHAN.

WEDNESDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1916.

8.00 a.m. HEUNGSHAN. 8.00 a.m. HONAN.

10.00 p.m. KINSHAN. 4.30 p.m. FATSAN.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. SUI TAI, Tons 1,851. S.S. TAIHAN, Tons 3,000.

HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Week days at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

Sundays at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays at 7.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 30th JANUARY, 1916.

The Company's New Steamship "TAISHAN"

Will depart from the Company's WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 a.m., and return from Macao at 3 p.m.

N.B.—The Company will also run a Steamer from Macao on Sunday at 7.30 a.m., and from Hongkong at 1 p.m., from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

FARES AS USUAL.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. SUI AN.

Departures from Macao to Canton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 p.m.

Departures from Canton to Macao on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 4.30 p.m.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. SAIYAM, 588 tons, and S.S. NANNING, 569 tons.

INTIMATIONS

THE NATIONAL LOAN OF THE THIRD YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (1914),
\$16,000,000 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ISSUE OF \$8,000,000,
AND
THE NATIONAL LOAN OF THE FOURTH YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (1915),
\$24,000,000.

SUBSCRIBERS to the above TWO LOANS are hereby notified that the interest instalments for the month of January, each amounting to Dollars One Hundred and Twenty Thousand (\$120,000)—\$240,000 in all—have been duly received by the Undersigned and brought to Loan Service Account.

F. A. AGLEN,
Inspector General of Customs,
and Vice-Chairman of the Bureau of National Loans.
Inspectorate General of Customs,
Peking, 14th January 1916. [189]

WANTED.

POSITION by Young Lady as Governess or Nurse.
Apply to—
Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1916. [187]

MARINE MOTOR WANTED IN OUTPORT.

A GOOD SECOND-HAND ENGINE Suitable for installation in Sampan, preferably 7-10 H.P., 2 cyl. 4 stroke, fixed propeller.
Reply to—
Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1916. [184]



WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Headquarters Office, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, until Noon on the undermentioned dates for the following Services:

Meat	Monday, 7th	February, 1916.
Fuel (Coal, etc.)	Thursday, 10th	February, 1916.
General Supplies A	Thursday, 10th	February, 1916.
Hospital Supplies B	Monday, 14th	February, 1916.
Washing	Thursday, 17th	February, 1916.
Barrack Services	Thursday, 17th	February, 1916.

Forms and other particulars may be obtained personally between the hours of 10 A.M. and 1 P.M. or by letter to the D.A.D. of Supplies and Transport, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong.

Tender Forms must be properly filled up, signed and dated, and no tender will be considered unless made out on the proper Form and delivered by 12 Noon on the above dates in a closed envelope marked "TENDER FOR FORAGE, etc." Each Tender must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100—as guarantee of good faith. Such sum to be forfeited to the State if the Tenderer refuses to accept a Contract allotted to him, or to attend at Headquarters Office when called upon.

The right to reject all, or any, Tenders is specially reserved.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1916. [198]

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

BOXING

SUBJECT to sufficient entries being received—an AMATEUR BOXING COMPETITION open to Hongkong will be held in the Gymnasium of the V.R.C. on FRIDAY, February 25th.

CONDITIONS:

- 3 two minute rounds and if undecided an extra round of one minute.
- In 3 weights: 119 lbs, 132 lbs, and 146 lbs.
- Competitors weigh in at V.R.C. on night of February 24th.

Entries stating weight to be addressed to I. DEARIE, Esq., care of V.R.C., before February 15th. No Entrance Fee.
No Competition if less than 18 entries.
The Committee reserve the right to refuse entries.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1916. [195]

SCOTTISH UNION AND NATIONAL INSURANCE CO. OF EDINBURGH AND LONDON.

Invested Funds ... £10,000,000.
Annual Income ... £1,500,000.

HAVING been Appointed AGENTS for the above Company for Hongkong and Macao, we are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against Fire at Current Rates.

J. M. ALVES & Co.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1916. [190]



NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in writing for permission to do so to the Captain SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, at least 48 hours before the intended hour of departure, giving name, nationality, age, sex, height and occupation of the applicant, and stating the name of the steamer or other vessel or the hour of the train by which the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants should apply in person for their passes at the CENTRAL POLICE STATION between the hours of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. daily.
Hongkong, 10th July, 1915. [7]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARVIS, MATTHEW & CO., LIMITED, on TUESDAY, 1st February, 1916, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, 20th January, to TUESDAY, 1st February, 1916 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Acting Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LIMITED.
General Agents for the
West Point Building Co., Limited.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1916. [175]

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARVIS, MATTHEW & CO., LIMITED, on TUESDAY, 1st February, 1916, at 11.45 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 20th January, to TUESDAY, 1st February, 1916 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Acting Secretary to the
THE GENERAL MANAGERS.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1916. [178]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARVIS, MATTHEW & CO., LTD., on TUESDAY, 1st February, 1916, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1916. [177]

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARVIS, MATTHEW & CO., LTD., on TUESDAY, 1st February, 1916, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 20th January, to TUESDAY, 1st February, 1916 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. BRUCE SHEPHERD,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1916. [178]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 5122, dated 15th July, 1904, of One Hundred Shares numbered 85001 to 86100 inclusive fully paid up, standing in the Register in the name of Mr. ANTONIO JOAQUIM BASTO, of Macao, having been LOST or DESTROYED. Notice is hereby given that unless the said certificate be produced at the Offices of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, on or before the 6th day of February, 1916, New Certificates for the said Shares will be issued and the old Certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1916. [166]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

LOST.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 4209 for Twenty-five Shares numbered 4901 to 4925 inclusive, standing in the Register in the name of FRANK BARRINGTON DEACON, having been LOST, Notice is hereby given that unless the said Certificate be produced at the Offices of the Company, 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the Third day of February, 1916, a New Certificate for the said Shares will be issued and the old Certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Acting Secretary
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1916 [144]

ON SALE.

A TABLE OF THE RATES OF EXCHANGE AT BOMBAY

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1915. [112]

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OFFICES in Queen's Building.
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1915. [105]

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No. 11, GAGE STREET, from 1st January, 1916.
Apply to—
J. VINCENT BRAGA,
Togo Kien Kaisha.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1915. [100]

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No. 10, MOUNTAIN VIEW, PRAIRIE.
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M. J. D. STEPHENS.
Hongkong, 12th November, 1915. [97]

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"THE KENNELS," 168, Magazine Gap. Thoroughly renovated and repaired.
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Hongkong, 10th November, 1915. [95]

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Hongkong, 19th October, 1915. [90]

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"GLENSHIEL," No. 141, Plantation Road, Peak, from 1st November, 1915.
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LINSTEAD & DAVIS.
Hongkong, 18th October, 1915. [85]

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A HOUSE in Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon.
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.
Hongkong, 24th October, 1915. [87]

TO LET.

OFFICES in St. GEORGE'S BUILDING, Second Floor, Overlooking Harbour, immediate possession.
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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1915. [53]

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Hongkong, 4th November, 1915. [32]

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1915. [59]

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PERRY.—At the Peak Hospital on January 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. PERRY—a son.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG 25TH JANUARY, 1916

CHINA AND LIKIN.

Ever since the Mackay Treaty was signed there have been rumours from time to time, especially in periods of financial stringency, that China is about to take steps to put the famous Article VIII. into effect and abolish *likin*, so we are not surprised at the report that the Government has appointed two deputies to investigate the *likin* collectorate throughout the Empire with a view to the adoption of this Article. General TIEN CHUNG-YU and Mr. CHAO CHUN-LIEN, of the Bank of China, are, we are told, at present examining the system in the province of Chihli, after which they will proceed to the other provinces until they have completed their task. That China should be anxious to reform this part of her financial system is not to be wondered at; Sir RICHARD DANE's success with the Salt Gabelle is a striking demonstration of the capabilities of any or all of China's indirect taxes. The Central Government must be well aware of the enormous wastage that takes place while the tax funds are in transit from the payer's pocket to the Treasury—popular talk used to put this at 90 per cent. in the case of the salt levies, while Mr. MORSE calculates that it must be at the very least 60 per cent. in the case of *likin*. It has been Sir RICHARD DANE's part to demonstrate that this wastage is avoidable, so it is only natural that China should long to repeat the experience in other fields.

The greatest yield would accrue from a reorganization of the land-tax, but, enticing though the prospect is, the task would be proportionately great. In the case of *likin* the machinery is all ready to hand. On China's abolition of *likin*, the import duty collected by the Maritime Customs is to be increased by 7 1/2 per cent.

ad valorem. China has had long experience of the Maritime Customs administration and has long been accustomed to regard the revenue derived from this source as the one stable spot in her finances, so that it is well worth an effort for her to try to substitute its efficient and reliable machinery for the costly and cumbersome methods by which her internal taxation is collected, but unfortunately it is not in her power to do it. It is a condition precedent to the acceptance of the one-and-a-half times surtax that all the Treaty Powers should agree to it, but so far only three or four have signed Treaties in these terms, and it does not seem likely that negotiations with the others would be successful at the present juncture. Even if all the Powers were unanimous, there would still be domestic troubles to be settled. The *likin* collectorate is a large organization (if the word can be applied to anything so chaotic) and those connected with it will not be eager to relinquish their easy and lucrative jobs. The hard fight this host of publicans will make for their livelihood is shown by the way in which at the present day they try to overcome or circumvent any reform that might interfere with their perquisites. In some provinces the transit pass system, under which goods are exempted from internal taxation on payment of transit dues, has in the past been reduced to a farce by the pertinacious attempts at "squeeze" on the part of the *likin* authorities, while at the present day they endeavour to gain their end—with only too much success in some cases—by means of the illegal "destination tax." So hard a fight have they made for this that in Anhui they almost seem to have carried the day. If they offer so much resistance to a system which only affects a fraction of their gains, how long will the struggle be before they acquiesce in the annihilation of the whole structure on which they have grown fat?

None the less, the change will have to come in process of time. That it is cumbersome and an obstacle to trade is, in China, no argument against it, but there are two factors that will make it, even in Chinese eyes, increasingly necessary to effect the reform. Almost every year sees new Treaty Ports opened—there are seven or eight prospective additions to the list now—and the opening of every new Treaty Port automatically imposes fresh hindrances to the collection of *likin* in the area served by the port. Besides this, manufactures are steadily growing in China, and it is the declared policy of the Government to foster them. Chinese manufactures are, however, especially hard hit by *likin*, if they use native raw materials and coal, these are liable to *likin* during their transit from the interior, while the finished product is subjected to a fresh set of levies when it is sent into the interior for sale, and there is no possibility of the protection of a transit pass. Both these factors will become stronger every year and make the case for the abolition of *likin* all the more urgent, but even if all the Powers were to agree, China would want to see her course very clearly marked out before she could attempt to expropriate the vast army of petty officials who now thrive on this tax.

A mail for Europe via Siberia closes to-day at 11 a.m.

Mr. F. B. Marshall is on a visit to the Colony.

H.E. Yuen Shih-kai has selected the Chinese or Excellent Crop as the national flower of the new Empire.

Mr. J. W. Jamieson, H.B.M. Consul-General at Canton, is a passenger on the *Fushimi Maru*, which left London on the 15th inst.

The annual meeting of Shareholders and Subscribers of St. John's Cathedral will be held in the City Hall at 5.30 p.m. to-day (Tuesday).

H.E. the Governor has consented to open the Harbour and Yau-mai Dispensary (of the Chinese Public Dispensaries) this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The ladies of Macau have, most generously sent 267 handbags, 28 mufflers, 22 pairs of mittens and 9 helmets to be forwarded home for the use of the Allied Troops at the Front.

It seems probable, says the *N.O. Daily News*, that at least ninety per cent. of Shanghai British rubber companies will agree to a voluntary war-profits tax as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. A self-imposed tax of one cent per pound of output is suggested.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledges with thanks a donation to the funds of the Hospitals from the Poultry Guild of (\$200 small silver) \$183.20.

The weekly return of notifiable diseases shows that there were three fatal cases of diphtheria (all Chinese), and two cases of enteric fever (both Chinese, one fatal) in the Colony during the week ended January 22nd.

THE "WORLD" CINEMATOGRAPH.

DISMISSAL OF AN APPEAL.

Before the Full Court (the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Gampert) yesterday Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. J. H. Gardiner) made an application for the dismissal of a motion giving leave to appeal against a decision of Mr. F. A. Hazeland, when Acting-Puisne Judge, in an action against the "World" Cinematograph Company (now defunct) by several employees for \$334. Mr. Jenkin said that the appellant had been given notice of that morning's proceedings, and his solicitor (Mr. Otto Kong Sing) had informed him that he had no further instructions. He knew the exact position because he had been Counsel for the appellant. (Laughter.)

The Chief Justice:—You really have the audacity to make that statement?

Mr. Jenkin:—I am only holding the papers for the respondent's counsel.

The appeal was dismissed.

CHINESE BARRISTER ADMITTED TO PRACTICE.

SON OF MR. CHAU SIU KI.

Mr. Chau Tsun Nin, son of a well-known resident of the Colony, Mr. Chau Siu Ki, was admitted to practice in the Courts of this Colony by the Chief Justice at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. Chau Tsun Nin went to England in 1911 and remained there studying law until December of last year. He took his degree at Queen's College, Oxford, with honours. He was admitted to the Middle Temple in 1912, and was called to the Bar in December, 1914. He was educated in Hongkong at St. Stephen's College.

The Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp) introduced him to the Court.

The Chief Justice said it appeared that he had been duly called to the Bar, and from what the Attorney-General had said he had had a distinguished University record. He was very pleased to admit him to practice as a member of the Bar in this Colony as the son of a gentleman so well-known and highly respected as Mr. Chau Siu Ki and he hoped he would follow in the footsteps of so worthy a father.

THE TROUBLE IN CHINA.

ATTITUDE OF KUEICHOW "NEUTRAL."

The Chinese correspondent at Peking of the *N.C. Daily News* wrote on January 16th:—The Civil Governor of Kueichow reports a skirmish with the Yunnan troops in the west of Kueichow on the 11th inst., and that the rebels retired to Yunnan territory when they saw that the Kueichow troops did not join them but would fight against them if they tried to enter into Kueichow Province. Governor Lung and General Liu again requested the Government to order the troops under General Tsao Kun not to enter into Kueichow territory, otherwise peace could not be maintained, and added that Tsai Ao and Tang Chai-yao had already promised to do the same. Tsao Kun has been ordered to do what he thinks fit according to the local circumstances after his arrival on the Szechuan-Kueichow frontier as the Central Government is unable to control the situation from Peking. This means to put off the Yunnan revolution and the northern troops will enter into Kueichow to attack Yunnan after the arrival of Tsao Kun's main force.

For the present, the Central Government has not given a definite reply to the Kueichow authorities about this proposal and the real attitude of Kueichow approaches "neutrality" towards the Central Government, because the same trick was played against Huang Hsing by the Military and Civil Governors of Chekiang during the second revolution in the south in 1913 with the connivance of Peking. By adopting this trick, Kueichow will be saved from an attack from Yunnan previous to the arrival of the northern forces which will enter Kueichow via Szechuan after the main body of Tsao Kun's troops has reached the Szechuan-Kueichow frontier, next month. According to official telegrams received from the various Provinces by the Central Government, Yunnan is now isolated as there is no support from neighbouring Provinces.

SHANGHAI AND THE MONARCHY.

According to Chinese papers, the gentry and the merchants of Shanghai (at least thirty prominent names are attached as signatures to the telegram) have forwarded a telegram, through General Yang Shan-teh, to Peking, praying the Emperor to ascend the Throne at once. They assert that as long as the accession is delayed, so long will be people feel uneasy. They believe that the outbreak in Yunnan and the rumours spread by unscrupulous people are all due to this delay.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegrams have been received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory:—

9 p.m., Jan. 22nd.
Cyclone or typhoon E. of northern Mindanao, moving W. or W.N.W.
11 p.m., Jan. 24th.
Cyclone or typhoon E. of Mindanao, almost stationary.

THE WAR.

EVACUATION OF GALLIPOLI.

THRILLING STORY OF GREAT FEAT.

GERMAN EFFORT IN ARTOIS.

BROKEN BY FRENCH COUNTER-ATTACKS.

MONTENEGRIN "MYSTERY" EXPLAINED.

AIRCRAFT ATTACK KENT COAST.

THE NEAR EAST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GALLIPOLI WITHDRAWAL.

PROGRAMME CARRIED OUT TO THE LETTER.

HOW THE ENEMY WAS HOODWINKED.

LONDON, January 24th.

Reuter's correspondent with the Mediterranean Force, describing the withdrawal from Gallipoli, praises the discipline and courage of the troops, and the efficiency of the staff. When the Peninsula had to be abandoned in obedience to orders from Home it seemed impossible to hope after the withdrawal from the Anzac region that the Turks could be kept in complete ignorance of what was going on under their noses. Aeroplanes, sometimes in twos and threes, hung over our positions the whole day, flying low despite the gunfire directed at them. Meanwhile the Turks displayed increased artillery activity on Achibaba and on the Asiatic coast, covering every inch of the ground and the embarking beaches.

Nobody feared the Turkish infantry, which had not a kick left, the first line troops being exterminated, and their places taken by a mixed crowd of half-trained men.

Having decided to evacuate, we started on the 29th December by a minor attack on the enemy's front opposite our centre by a Division which captured and held a Turkish trench under a furious fire with as much dash as if at the starting point of a general advance, thus deceiving the Turks.

When Reuter's correspondent reached the beach on the 4th January the place bore evident signs of bombardment and the work of evacuation. All dugouts had been destroyed, and mountains of wreckage heaped on the shore destined for the final conflagration. The work at the piers proceeded methodically amid a terrific din of high explosives, which caused only slight damage.

Three German aeroplanes hovered over the empty positions on the 6th inst., but failed to notice the evacuation.

The last engagement, fought on the 9th inst., was preceded by a furious artillery duel, but the Turks did not leave their trenches.

The last to depart were the troops holding the outmost lines and Medicals.

Reuter's correspondent left in a trawler at 3 o'clock on a pitch-dark morning.

Flames suddenly appeared along the shore, spreading rapidly, and within half an hour a mighty conflagration was lighting up the cliffs along the whole beach.

The sea seemed to be on fire, wreckage falling in showers into the sea. A pillar of smoke was hanging over the scene of the unearthly glare. The Turks futilely pounded with shells the empty beaches.

Our programme was carried out to the letter. Nothing was left except a few field ambulances. The fact that we withdrew with the loss of only one wounded was due to the complete hoodwinking of the Turks and their German commanders.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FIERCE FIGHTING IN MESOPOTAMIA.

HEAVY CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES.

LONDON, January 24th.

Lieut. General Sir Percy Lake reports that General Aylmer attacked the Turks at Esau on the 21st inst. There was fierce fighting throughout the day with varying success. The weather is atrocious, rendering the movement of troops most difficult. It was impossible to re-attack on the 22nd owing to the floods. General Aylmer has taken up a position 1,300 yards from the enemy's trenches. incessant rain continues. The casualties are very heavy on both sides but there are no details.

RUSSIAN PROGRESS IN PERSIA.

PETROGRAD, January 23rd.

A communiqué says that in Persia we occupied Sultanabad. The German Consul and a band formed by him fled.

FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ENEMY PENETRATES FRENCH FIRST LINE.

COUNTER-ATTACKS BREAK HIS EFFORT.

PARIS, January 24th.

The evening communiqué says that after mine explosions and a violent bombardment the Germans attacked the French front west of the Arras-Lens road, in the region of Neuville St. Vaast, and succeeded in penetrating the first-line trench on a front of several hundred metres. Our counter-attacks broke the enemy's efforts and dislodged the enemy, who holds only a few hundred yards salient. Our artillery and machine-guns inflicted heavy losses on the Germans.

Our artillery seriously damaged enemy trenches near Soissons and in Champagne.

Twenty-four French aeroplanes bombarded the railway stations and barracks at Metz, dropping 130 bombs. The bombardiers were escorted by two protecting squadrons, which engaged in ten combats with German machines. All the squadrons were heavily bombarded, but returned safely, except one machine.

MINING ACTIVITY.

LONDON, January 23rd.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports mining activity at Maricourt, Hulluch, and Givenchy. We successfully bombarded hostile works at Monchy and Frelinghien.

NOTHING IMPORTANT.

PARIS, January 24th.

A communiqué states: There is nothing important to report.

RUSSIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FLIGHT OF TURKS CONTINUES.

PETROGRAD, January 23rd.

A communiqué says that the precipitate retreat of the Turks in the Erzerum region continues. We continue to capture munitions, artillery, and provisions, and great numbers of prisoners.

THE BALKANS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MONTENEGRIN "MYSTERY" EXPLAINED.

OBJECT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

ROME, January 23rd.

The Montenegrin Premier, in a communiqué, explains the Montenegrin mystery. He says:—There was an exchange of communications with the Austrian Army because it was necessary, after the fall of Mount Lovtchen and Cetinje. The negotiations, which were for the suspension of hostilities, had as their sole object the giving of time to assure the retreat of the Montenegrins. The negotiations also avoided the other Montenegrin forces being impeded on distant fronts, and gave time for the Serbians to reach Durazzo. Thus Austria was delayed for at least a week. The Montenegrins, under General Vukotich, continue to struggle with the enemy with the object of joining the Serbian Army. PREVARICATING ATTEMPT TO "SAVE FACE".

AMSTERDAM, January 23rd.

The painfulness of the Montenegrin development for the Germans is evidenced by the remarks of the *Frankfurter Zeitung* on Saturday afternoon. After lamenting that nothing was obtainable from official quarters regarding the reports of the rupture of the peace negotiations, the journal says it refrains from comment on the matter, which, if true, will be an unpleasant surprise.

Subsequently the Berlin papers were allowed to publish an Austrian semi-official statement, which thus tries to save face:—"The Montenegrin Government is experiencing much difficulty in disarming her Army owing to the great distances and bad roads and lack of telephonic communication. Some portions of the Army and the people have not yet clearly understood the necessity of capitulation!"

AN INSPIRED AUSTRIAN COMMENT.

ZURICH, January 23rd.

An evidently inspired Vienna telegram asserts that King Nicholas has not withdrawn his unconditional surrender, but if "contrary to expectation, he should veer round," it will make no difference, the Montenegrin Army being incapable of resistance, as it is impossible for it to receive provisions and munitions. Antivari having been occupied.

STARVATION-AN INDUCEMENT TO PEACE.

ENEMY GLOATS OVER FLIGHT OF MONTENEGRINS.

AMSTERDAM, January 23rd.

The hollowness of Germany's starvation cry is exposed in an article in the *Kölnische Zeitung*, gloating over the starvation of the Montenegrins as "The most effective inducement to these warlike souls to incline their thoughts to peace."

OCCUPATION OF CETINJE.

UGLY ACTION OF BULGARIAN GOVERNOR.

LONDON, January 23rd.

A telegram from Rome says that the Austrians have appointed the Bulgarian General Vuleitch Governor of Cetinje. His first act was to erect a gallows in the town.

ITALY AND COMING INVASION OF ALBANIA.

IMPORTANT ACTION FORESHADOWED.

LONDON, January 23rd.

An Italian wireless message foreshadows important action by Italy in Albania. The Cabinet has considered the matter, but the result of the deliberations has not yet been published. It is understood, however, that far-reaching decisions were achieved.

SERBIAN GOVERNMENT AT CORFU.

GREEK BENEVOLENCE.

ATHENS, January 23rd.

It is announced that the Greek Government sees no objection to the establishment of the Serbian Government at Corfu, and is also disposed to undertake the care of prisoners taken in the Macedonian campaign, though it points out that it already has numerous Greek and Serbian refugees under its care.

MONTENEGRIN ROYALTY IN FRANCE.

LONDON, January 23rd.

The Montenegrin Queen and Princesses have arrived at Lyons. The Prefect of the Department of Rhone (General d'Amade) welcomed them at the station.

SERBIAN DEPUTIES IN ROME.

ROME, January 23rd.

Seventy Serbian Deputies have arrived here.

GENERAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ENEMY AEROPLANE VISITS KENTISH COAST.

NINE BOMBS DROPPED.

LONDON, January 24th.

The War Office announces that, taking advantage of a bright moonlight night, an hostile aeroplane visited the east coast of Kent at one in the morning and dropped nine bombs in succession, then making off towards the sea. There was no naval or military damage, but there was some damage to private property. Incendiary bombs caused fires which were extinguished by two in the morning. It is regretted that the following civilian casualties resulted:—One man killed, two men, a woman and three children slightly injured.

ANOTHER RAID.

A later telegram says the War Office announces that two hostile aeroplanes, again attacked the East Coast of Kent shortly after mid-day. They were heavily fired upon and disappeared, pursued by Naval and Military machines. There was no damage, and no one was injured.

WAR IN THE AIR.

BRITISH SUPREMACY PROVED.

LONDON, January 23rd.

Reuter's special correspondent at Headquarters, after a visit to the headquarters of the Flying Corps, is able to refute completely the assertion made in some quarters that our airmen are being bested by the new German Fokkers. He says we maintain our ascendancy more effectively than ever, and figures show that during the past four weeks five of our machines have been up against every one enemy aeroplane. The moral effect of the greater activity of our airmen is proved to be immense.

The correspondent adds that he is able to announce that we possess a battle-plane which is a very effective response to the Fokker, and the Germans well know it from experience. On one occasion one of these new fighting planes sighted two Fokkers at a height of 2,000 feet and immediately directed a furious end-on fire at the leading Fokker, which, losing control, dived erratically. The British machine then opened fire on the second Fokker which was 100 feet above and sent the German machine spinning and uncontrolled downwards.

DOING AWAY WITH LUXURIES.

ECONOMY IN GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, January 24th.

The *Manchester Guardian* states that a sensational statement may be expected in Parliament to-morrow, when the Sweden pulp prohibition will be raised. The *Weekly Dispatch* states that the Government has decided upon drastic steps as regards shipping. It may safely be said that there will be no imported luxuries whatsoever in a few weeks time. Certain necessities will be admitted, for example, bananas, but expensive imported fruits will be debarred. Wasteful motoring has everywhere been stopped because it is using up shipping which brings petrol and rubber.

Probably the importation of pulp and paper will be cut down forty per cent.

SWEDEN AND EXPORTATION OF PULP.

NOT A REPRISAL.

LONDON, January 23rd.

Reuter is informed from a Swedish official source that the restriction on the export of chemical and wood pulp is not a reprisal against anyone.

BRAVEY IN THE FIELD.

AWARD OF V.O.S.

LONDON, January 24th.

The *Gazette* announces the award of Victoria Crosses to the following:—

Corporal Alfred Burt, of the 1st Herefordshire Regiment, for removing the fuse of a bomb and saving his comrades at Givenchy.

Corporal Alfred Drake, 8th Rifle Brigade, who gave his life to save a wounded officer near La Briques.

Corporal Samuel Meekosha, 6th West Yorks, for saving at least four lives by digging out men who were buried under shell fire, on the Yser.

Private John Caffrey, 2nd Yorks and Lancashire Regiment, for rescuing wounded under fire at La Briques.

There have also been awarded seven Distinguished Service Orders, thirty-four Military Crosses, and many Distinguished Service medals.

LONDON, January 24th.

The *Gazette* announces the award of Distinguished Conduct Medals to a number of Non-Commissioned Officers, and men for conspicuous gallantry in Mesopotamia, especially at Kut-el-Amara on September 8th, 1913.

These include Corporals J. McCombie, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; S. Reed, Garrison Artillery (both on the Indian unattached list); also Corporal T. Bax and Private R. H. Pannett, 2nd West Yorks, for working machine guns aboard the *Comet*.

SINKING OF THE "PERSIA."

TURKISH SUBMARINE DECLARED TO BE RESPONSIBLE.

LONDON, January 23rd.

Berlin telegrams declare that a Turkish submarine sank the *Persia*, and that an official Turkish statement will be published in regard to the matter.

Austria and Germany hope that this will settle the *Persia* question as far as the United States is concerned.

THE CAMEROONS CAMPAIGN.

PARIS, January 23rd.

The Ministry for the Colonies announces that the operations in the Cameroons are drawing to a close. Arrangements have been made whereby mixed columns under General Doherty will deal with the last detachments of the enemy, now roaming in the southern regions.

FIRE ON NORWEGIAN STEAMER.

CARRIED RAILWAY MATERIAL FOR ALLIES.

NEW YORK, January 23rd.

Another unexplained fire caused the return of the Norwegian steamer *Syngde*, which carried a cargo of railway material for the Allies.

FIGHTERS AT 55.

AUSTRIA'S NEED OF MEN.

LONDON, January 23rd.

Austria has increased the age limit of Military service to 55.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

DISTURBANCES IN KWANGTUNG.

PEKING, January 24th.

Apart from the disturbances in Kwangtung, mainly due to bandits, the southern provinces appear to be peaceful. Reports from Yunnan indicate that the uneasiness of the rebels is increasing owing to lack of support. The situation in Kweichow appears to be serious. The Civil Governor is stated to be leaving the province. He has been cashiered because he asked for leave of absence.

The Likan and Salt offices in some districts have refused Bank of China notes.

DEVASTATING FLOODS IN JAVA.

BATAVIA, January 23rd.

Disastrous floods have occurred throughout Java.

Fifty-one houses have been destroyed at Samarang. Four persons have been killed and eight injured.

Landslides have interrupted the railway traffic.

FLOODS IN HOLLAND.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

AMSTERDAM, January 24th.

The situation at Pumerend is still most critical. The weather is stormy and there has been no subsidence.

The authorities have ordered the evacuation of houses in southern Polder. The flood has devastated the churchyards at Holyoort, near Nieuwendam, laying open the graves.

TERRIBLE RAILWAY ACCIDENT IN AMERICA.

SEATTLE, January 23rd.

A train fell like an avalanche down the side of a mountain 120 miles from this port. Two cars rolled into a gulch 300 ft. deep. It is reported that 14 persons are killed and many injured.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN NORWAY.

CHRISTIANA, January 24th.

A fire devastated 140 houses at Molde. Incendiarism is suspected.

King Haakon has gone to the town.

AMERICA AND JAPANESE IMMIGRATION.

WASHINGTON, January 23rd.

The Immigration Committee of the House of Representatives has agreed to a Bill restricting Japanese immigration strictly in accordance with the agreement between America and Japan.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

ENTHRONEMENT POSTPONED.

TOKIO, January 24th.

The Japanese Minister at Peking telegraphs that the establishment of a Monarchy in China is indefinitely postponed owing to internal disturbances. The officials of the Chinese provinces have been notified of the decision.

LOYALTY OF PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS.

PEKING, January 24th.

It is announced that Kweichow continues its remittances to Peking. \$60,000 have just been received, being the receipts from the sale of public property and title deeds examination. This is convincing proof of the loyalty of the provincial officials.

MONGOLIAN BANDITS.

LOOT MANY VILLAGES.

PEKING, January 24th.

Mongolian bandits have looted many villages in the Suiyuan district. Order has been restored. The report that a robber chief in Eastern Mongolia has declared for a Manchu restoration is untrue.

HONGKONG MISSIONS TO SEAMEN.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MISSIONS TO SEAMEN WAS HELD AT THE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE PRAYA EAST, LAST EVENING, THE BISHOP OF VICTORIA PRESIDING.

The annual report of the Chaplain and Superintendent (Rev. W. T. Featherstone) stated that owing to the absence of warships and the restrictions on the traffic in the Harbour after sunset very few men have used the Institute this year. Since October 1st, the boarding and lodging establishment had been closed and the Institute had only been used as a Club. Services have been held regularly at St. Peter's Church every Sunday. It has not been possible to hold evening meetings at the Institute. The services held were: 90; Holy Communion administered, 89; Visits to ships, 973; Visits to Hospitals, etc., 142. A good supply of books, magazines and papers have been greatly valued by the men on the ships. With regard to finances, the past year has been a very difficult one, but all our efforts have met with a very cordial response. We lost about one-third of our subscriptions this year owing to the liquidation of certain alien firms. Our expenditure has been larger this year, as we had to supply money for three passages to the Manager and to allow him six months' salary in lieu of notice. This course had to be taken and will prove a saving in the end, as the Manager's agreement did not expire until September, 1910, and because of the war we were losing about \$100 or \$120 a month in the Institute as long as we kept the boarding and lodging establishment open. This extra expenditure compelled us to make a special effort to raise money and despite our loss of \$950 in subscriptions for the reason mentioned above, we raised our subscription list this year from \$2,300 in 1913 to \$2,850 in 1914. This year we have also received collections from St. Andrew's Church and St. Peter's Church, in addition to the usual collection from the Canton Episcopial Church. St. Peter's Church also undertook to pay \$75 a year from April, 1913 towards the funds of the Mission and we have received over \$500 from the Church Council. The General Fund shows a balance of \$38. The Institute Account shows a deficit of \$368.21. Grateful thanks were returned to the Bishop of Victoria and the General Committee, Mr. W. T. Harbord, Hon. Treasurer of the General Fund, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Hon. Treasurer of the Institute Accounts, and Mr. G. Piercy, Hon. Treasurer of St. Peter's Church, Mr. C. Gerken, and others.

The reported for St. Peter's Church showed that during the past year the congregations had increased and a renewed interest had been taken in the work. Early in the year an appeal was sent out for \$300 to repair the organ, and to do necessary repairs to the interior of the building. Our anticipations were more than realised; a sum of over \$600 was raised and the interior of the Church is now in good condition. The Church council decided to pay \$75 a year to the Funds of the Mission. The following are the members of the Church Council:—Mr. C. Gerken, Mr. Nicolls (Hon. Secretary), Mr. G. Piercy (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. A. W. Smith, Mr. Stringer, Mr. H. Sykes, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone and Mr. F. W. Everton.

The following committee was appointed for 1914:—The Lord Bishop of Victoria, (Chairman), Rear-Admiral R. H. Anstruther, R.N., C.M.G., Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Messrs F. B. L. Bowley, S. H. Dodwell, G. T. Edkins, and G. Piercy, and the Rev. W. T. Featherstone.

THE RIOTS IN BERLIN.

A belated admission of Wolff's Bureau in Berlin on the occasion of the opening of the Reichstag confirms the reports current in Amsterdam—says *The Times* correspondent—of "discontent which, however, is more serious than Wolff is willing to admit. Well-to-do residents of Berlin visiting Holland say that conditions in Berlin are now so unpleasant that, but for family ties, they would leave there altogether and live in Holland till after the war."

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NIPPON MARU	11,000—15 knots	TUESDAY, 29th Feb.
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Feb. 12	NAMUR	Feb. 20	Feb. 24	MEDINA	Mar. 26
Feb. 27	NANKIN	Mar. 6	Mar. 10	MONGOLIA	Apr. 9
Mar. 12	NOVAGA	Mar. 20	Mar. 24	MALWA	Apr. 23
Mar. 26	MALTA	Apr. 3	Apr. 7	HIVA	May 7
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